

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2199 - SB 2377

January 31, 2004


SUMMARY OF BILL: Redirects the use of the fines and forfeitures of appearance bonds collected from drug-related offenses in Davidson County. Such funds will be deposited in the Drug Fines and Forfeiture Account to be used exclusively by the State Trial Courts Drug Court Program in Davidson County for court-order drug treatment and educational programs. Currently, these funds are used exclusively in the Davidson County drug enforcement program or local drug education program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact: Codifies current practice in Davidson County that the some funds derived from drug-related fines and forfeitures of appearance bonds in Davidson County be used for court-ordered drug treatment and educational programs. According to the Davidson County State Trial Courts Drug Court Program, the budgeted amount has been \$338,000 each year provided by memorandum of understanding with the chief of police and the district attorney general of Davidson County. The Metro Finance Department indicates that there may be significantly more funds available to the Drug Court under the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director